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TAGS: MARR, MX

SUBJECT: HURRICANE RECONNAISSANCE

REF: MEXICO 7181, DTG 032233 JUN 76

1. REQUEST EMBASSY SEEK REINSTATEMENT OF GOM WAIVER TO
72 HOUR LEADTIME REQUIREMENT FOR USAF HURRICANE
RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JUNE - 31 DECEMBER
1977. APPROVAL FOR THE 1976 SEASON WAS GRANTED IN REFTEL.
2. MISSIONS FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT PROVIDE
TROPICAL METEOROLOGICAL DATA GATHERED FROM OVERWATER AREAS
DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
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AS HAVING POTENTIAL TO DEVELOP INTO ACTUAL HURRICANES.
THE DATA ARE USED BY MILITARY AND CIVILIAN (FOREIGN AND
DOMESTIC) AGENCIES TO PRODUCE FORECASTS THAT PREPARE
MEXICAN AND UNITED STATES COMMUNITIES FOR STORM PASSAGE.
AS A RESULT, PREVENTIVE MEASURES CAN BE TAKEN TO REDUCE
PROPERTY DAMAGE AND THE LOSS OF LIFE IN BOTH COUNTRIES.

3. MISSIONS ARE TASKED DIRECTLY TO THE 53 WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON (WRS) OR THE 920 WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE GROUP (WRP) AT KEESSLER AFB, MS BY THE CHIEF, AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE COORDINATOR, ALL HURRICANES

(CARCAH) LOCATED AT THE NATIONAL HURRICANE FORECAST CENTER IN CORAL GABLES, FL. ROUTINELY, LESS THAN 24 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE IS PROVIDED. AIRCRAFT WILL BE WC-130B/E/H NORMALLY OPERATING FROM KEESSLER AFB, MS OR HOWARD AFB, CZ. FLIGHTS WILL TRACK STORM PATHS AND MAKE STORM PENETRATIONS AT ALTITUDES OF 700 MILLIBARS OR BELOW; OVERFLIGHT OF MEXICO TO/FROM STORM AREAS, IF REQUIRED, WILL NORMALLY BE AT 24,000 FEET AND ABOVE. EQUIPMENT ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT IS PASSIVE WEATHER SENSORS OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES. ROUTINE WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE MISSION LANDINGS IN MEXICO ARE NOT PLANNED; HOWEVER, MISSIONS OPERATING SOUTH OF THE BAJA PENINSULA MAY REQUIRE A LANDING IN MEXICO DUE TO THE DISTANCE INVOLVED FROM THE DEPARTURE POINT. IF REQUIRED, THE PRIMARY RECOVERY BASE WILL BE GENERAL JUAN N. ALVAREZ INTERNATIONAL, MMAA, ACAPULCO, MEXICO; ALTERNATE BASE WILL BE GENERAL RAFAEL BUELNA INTERNATIONAL, MMZT, MAZATLAN, MEXICO. NORMAL GROUND TIME WILL BE 15 HOURS. IF LANDING/OVERFLIGHT IS REQUIRED, THE MCCLELLAN AFB, CA OPERATIONS CENTER WILL PROVIDE MAXIMUM ADVANCE NOTIFICATION TO USDAO, MEXICO.

4. ALL PERSONNEL WILL BE USAF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED AIRCREW MEMBERS. RADIO FREQUENCIES WILL BE OBTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFM 100-31. THE PROJECT IS UNCLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL

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AND ALL PROJECT DATA MAY BE OBTAINED THROUGH THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE. PARTICIPATION BY LOCAL OFFICIALS IS NOT ADVISABLE AS MISSIONS ARE NOT NORMALLY SCHEDULED TO LAND IN MEXICO TO EMBARK/DISEMBARK PASSENGERS. THIS PROJECT PROVIDES HURRICANE STORM INFORMATION SUCH AS WIND VELOCITY AND DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT TO THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. THE DATA, WHEN TRANSLATED INTO EARLY STORM WARNINGS TO THE MEXICAN POPULACE, REDUCES POTENTIAL PROPERTY DAMAGE AND PERSONNEL INJURY.

5. THE 920 WRG AND THE 53 WRS WILL PROVIDE ADVANCE NOTICE OF INTENDED MEXICAN OPERATIONS TO USDAO, MEXICO CITY THROUGH THE MCCLELLAN OPERATIONS CENTER.

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